GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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COLD STORAGES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether difficulty is being faced in storing potato and onion due to shortage of cold storages resulting in steep hike in prices of these commodities during off season period;

(b) if so, the number of cold storages proposed to be set up alongwith their capacity during the current financial year, State-wise;

(c) the amount provided to the States during the current year for the purpose, State-wise;

(d) the number of cold storages with capacity set up in the country during the last three years, State-wise; and

(e) the number out of them expanded and modernized during the said period, State-wise ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) to (e) Considerable variation in prices of onion and potato has been noticed during different parts of a year. Storage capacity has been substantively increased by setting up new cold storages and augmenting the capacity of existing cold storages. The Department o f Agriculture & Cooperation is implementing a scheme `Capital Investment Subsidy Scheme for Construction/Expansion/ Modernisation of Cold Storages and Storages for Horticulture Produce`, in the country through National Horticulture Board (NHB), an autonomous organisation under this Department. Under the scheme, back-ended capital investment subsidy is provided to the eligible entrepreneurs @ 25 % of the project cost not exceeding Rs. 50.00 lakh per project and @ 33.33 % of the project cost, upto a ceiling of Rs.60.00 lakh per project for North-Eastern States. Under the scheme, 1046 cold storage projects creating a storage capacity of 41.00 lakh MTs have been sanctioned with an eligible back-ended subsidy of Rs.262.78 crores, upto 31.3.2004. Out of them, 120 are onion storages creating storage capacity of 0.25 lakh MTs. The scheme is demand based and the project proposal has to come from the eligible organisations and as such, no time bound State-wise targets have been fixed. Also, no State-wise funds are allocated under the Scheme. The number of cold storages sanctioned

(new/modernized/expanded) with capacity and eligible subsidy during the last three years, State- wise, are given in Annexure.

ANNEXURE

State-wise status of Cold Storage Projects sanctioned under the `Capital Investment Subsidy Scheme for Construction/Expansion/ Modernization of Cold Storages and Storages for Horticulture Produce` during 2001-02 to 2003-04 (as on 31.3.2004)

(Rs. in lakh)

S. No.	Name of the State	2001-2002 No.	2001-2002 Capacity (MT)	2001-2002 Eligible Subsidy	2002-2003 No.	2002-2003 Capacity (MT)	2002-2003 Eligible Subsidy	2003-2004 No.	2003-2004 Capacity (MT)	2003-2004 Eligible Subsidy	Grand Total (as on 31.3.04) No.	Capacity (MT)	Eligible Subsidy
1	Punjab	9	31054	181.33	8	21658	170.33	7	12095	4.49	24	64807	356.15
2	Haryana	17	63548	529.29	4	10146	80.74	7	13338.18	125.66	28	87032	735.69
3	Tamil Nadu	5	12137	147.31	4	12921	104.94	0	0	0.00	9	25058	252.25
4	H.P.	2	2392	14.74	1	600	3.49	0	0	0.00	3	2992	18.23
5	U.P.	84	459613.6	2458.51	49	278228	1284.29	146	786583.4	4256.78	279	1524425	7999.58
6	Uttranchal	2	8619	49.30	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	2	8619	49.3
7	M.S.	15	37792	384.55	29	60837	593.69	13	19145	142.58	57	117774	1120.82
8	Rajasthan	6	18317	133.09	9	27976	203.00	1	4360	35.00	16	50653	371.09
9	Karnataka	8	38174	230.04	4	11328	83.70	0	0	0.00	12	49502	313.74
10	Gujarat	17	47796	430.05	20	59677.54	410.51	136	40928.76	421.04	173	148402	1261.6
11	Orissa	2	8064	80.25	5	26690	236.79	1	2500	25.00	8	37254	342.04
12	M.P.	3	17703	94.99	9	20454	120.61	10	23741	187.68	22	61898	403.28
13	Chhattisgarh	13	79480	432.68	5	34800	196.54	2	6089	76.87	20	120369	706.09
14	West Bengal	21	48140	292.67	9	37440	348.27	4	14220	152.03	34	99800	792.97
15	A.P.	11	41880	405.72	2	8000	72.56	1	4100	35.17	14	53980	513.45

16	Assam	6	28400	315.47	3	14500	189.00	1	1860	5.45	10	44760	509.92
17	Bihar	20	86723	576.88	5	23706	244.84	18	73184.8	444.25	43	183614	1265.97
18	Jharkhand	2	9318	71.52	4	13338	145.28	4	14214	112.55	10	36870	329.35
19	Tripura	0	0	0.00	1	5000	60.00	0	0	0.00	1	5000	60
20	Delhi	4	12260	309.99	0	0	0.00	1	530	1.33	5	12790	311.32
21	Kerala	2	500	5.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	2	500	5
22	Nagaland	0	0	0.00	1	5000	60.00	0	0	0.00	1	5000	60
23	Goa	0	0	0.00	1	3633	36.33	0	0	0.00	1	3633	36.33
24	Arunanchal Pd.	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	1	4000	53.33	1	4000	53.33
	TOTAL	249	1051910.6	7143.38	173	675932.5	4644.91	353	1020889	6079.21	775	2748732	17867.5